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1. Every two weeks during August and September 1951 a train consisting of between 50 and 60 cars was fully loaded with artillery pieces and military units at the Constanta railroad station. Recently, such trains left more frequently (about every ten days).
2. An airfield, reportedly, was under construction at Negru Voda, at a point 80 kilometers northwest of Constanta. Informant received this information in April 1951, from peasants who lived in the area where the airfield was being built.
3. In late August or early September 1951, a plane towing a balloon flew over Constanta. Antiaircraft batteries fired at the target.

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- a. At the Bragadiru deposit, at the intersection of Bulevardul Republicii and Strada Ion Lahovari. Four Soviet soldiers manned one antiaircraft gun. The emplacement had been there for more than one year.
- b. At the end of Strada Miron Costin, atop a building owned by one Dalidakis, there was another antiaircraft gun.
- c. Atop the Carlton Hotel.
- d. Approximately ten guns were mounted atop various buildings in the center of the city.

5. There were between ten and fifteen concrete block houses between Constanta and Carmen Sylva.

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6. Barracks at Strada Mircea, formerly occupied by Rumanian forces, were utilized by Soviet troops. At Strada Stalin, where Rumanian artillery had been lodged, the barracks were similarly occupied by Soviet troops. Soviet infantry in Constanta was estimated by informant to consist of one regiment of 2,000 men. Soviet artillery and administration personnel numbered about 1,000. Rumanian forces totalled about one company which was stationed at an old textile factory on Strada Stefan cel Mare.
7. In August 1951, surveys were being made at Oltenita, where a new canal was to be built connecting Oltenita with Bucharest.
8. Soviet troops and prisoners were engaged in April 1951 in the laying of new telephone cables on Soseaua Oborului and Strada Mircea.

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